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Appl. No. : Not Yet Assigned (U.S. National Phase of PCT/JP2004/018750)  
I. A. Filed : December 15, 2004  
For : LIGHT-COLLECTING DEVICE AND SOLID-STATE IMAGING  
APPARATUS

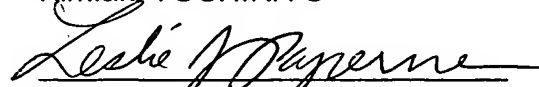
**CLAIM OF PRIORITY**

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Sir:

Applicant hereby claims the right of priority granted pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 119 and 365 based upon Japanese Application No. 2003-421111, filed December 18, 2003. The International Bureau already should have sent a certified copy of the Japanese application to the United States designated office. If the certified copy has not arrived, please contact the undersigned.

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